6. Lumding—Guwahati—Changsari—Replacement of overhead and block communication by optical fibre cable.

7. Lumding—Guwahati—Replacement of Semaphore signalling system by colour light signalling system.

8. Lumding—Furkating—Replacement of overhead control and block communication alignment.

Double Rail Line on Ghaziabad—Moradabad Route

1804. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lay a double line on Ghaziabad—Moradabad route; if so, the time schedule and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government are aware that passenger and goods trains both run late by several hours due to single rail line, resulting in delay in the transportation of goods;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to make specific provision in the budget to convert this line in the next two years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Work is currently in progress in two phases of the project i.e. Ghaziabad-Hapur and Amroha—Moradabad. The remaining section would be taken up in the coming years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The work would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. The proposed outlay for the two phases already taken up is Rs. 23 crs. in the year 2000-2001.

Operation of trains through Electricity, Diesel and Coal

†1805. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether trains in the country are being run through electricity, diesel and coal;

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